

November 29, 1877, at the Salt Lake Endowment House. He died June 4, 1938, at Heber.

William Giles Rasband was born at Quincy, Illinois, on December 24, 1852. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Giles Rasband and grandson of John and Mary Henderson Rasband and William and Sarah Huskinson Giles.

He came to Utah in 1856 with ox team when nearly four years of age, with his parents and sister Emily. They came with their own wagon and oxen, not by the emigration fund. They first settled in Provo on August 20, 1856, at Second South and Fourth East. Then they came to Provo Valley.

In the spring of 1858, three Giles sisters, Elizabeth Rasband, Mary Crook and Emily Carlile, with their husbands and children, Emily's brother-in-law, George Carlile, and wife, Laura Ann Giles, left their homes in Utah County and came to Heber, where they built homes and helped beautify the valley. When they came to this valley the Rasband family consisted of father, mother, one daughter, Emily, and three sons, William Giles, Fredrick and Thomas Heber.

William remembered the first Christmas held in the valley, also the prayer meeting held at his father's home when the people met for the purpose of asking for the snow to leave, as they were badly in need of spring.

In 1868, William was only 15 years of age, but he took a team and worked on the railroad when it came to Utah. He made a trip to Pioche, Nevada, with freight and several trips to Salt Lake City with wood. His boyhood friends were Alva Murdock, David Murdock, Thomas Hicken, Joseph Hatch and Edward Oaks. His teachers were William Chatwin, George Clark and a Mr. Young.

His early life was spent in the hills and on the range with cattle. When his father was building his brick home (between 1870-77) at Third North on Main Street, William and the other boys helped get the material for it. The lumber was sawed at the Witts sawmill and logs for the shingles were taken to the Davis mill. He helped his father mow hay, scythe and thresh the grain by tramping on it.

In August, 1875, William Rasband, Rich-

ard Jones and three surveyors from the East went to help survey the Indian reservation into 40-acre lots. The snow came early and heavy, and they were cut off from their food supplies. They killed William's little buckskin pony and lived on horse meat several days. Luckily they happened on to Captain Dodds, going out to the Uintah Agency, and joined him. William's brother Fredrick and Richard's father, each having a good team, went with aid. There was much rejoicing on their return home.

On November 29, 1877, William married Maria Ann Carlile, daughter of George and Laura Ann Giles Carlile, in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, the ceremony was performed by Daniel H. Wells. They began housekeeping in the northeast room of his mother's home. They built a log house on the lot at Third South and First East, where they lived about 12 years, with the exception of about six months spent at Cluff's ranch at Keetley.

He helped haul rocks from Crooks rock quarry for the Stake Tabernacle and for many years was a director of the Wasatch Canal. In 1907 he was appointed as messenger at the Utah Legislature.

In 1891 a new house was built on the same lot as was the log house, and they moved into it in November.

At his funeral service he was referred to as being patient, loving, unassuming, sound in judgment and energetic. He was the father of nine children.

William Franklin was born May 17, 1879; married Sarah Ellen White on December 5, 1906, and died February 10, 1954.

Children: Elizabeth Ann, Mary Lavina, George Thomas, Erwin Giles, Viva Blanch, Don Alfred, Muriel and Ida.

William had many serious accidents, but with the blessings of the Lord he was healed and lived with fair health until 85 years of age, dying at his home of cerebral thrombosis on June 4, 1938.

DR. H. R. READ

Dr. H. R. Read was born on October 17, 1879, at St. Cathrines, Ontario, Canada, to William Ransom and Smatha Cathrine Gregory Read. He was the eldest of seven children, four sisters and two brothers.

He studied dentistry in Buffalo, New



Giles and Sarah Huskinson. She was born April 11, 1826, at Loudham, Nottinghamshire, England. They had two children born to them in England. John was born April 15, 1848, and died June 30, 1848. Emily Rasband Hicken was born June 30, 1849.

In 1850 they came to America in the ship "North Atland," and made their home at Quincy, Illinois. William Giles Rasband was born here December 24, 1852, and a stillborn baby girl (Annie) born about 1855.

In 1856 they crossed the plains with ox team, arriving in Provo, Utah, August 25, 1856. Fredrick was born in a wagon box on September 2, 1856, before they could obtain a home in which to live. Thomas Heber was born January 15, 1859, at Provo. Then, the latter part of April, they came in a small company to Provo Valley (now Heber), arriving May 1, and as soon as possible began to put in crops.

Thomas Rasband must have been a leader of that brave little band of 19 families who spent the first winter in Heber. He performed the first marriage ceremony in the valley. The couple married was Charles C. Thomas and Emmeline Sessions. The date, December 25, 1860.

In 1861, Joseph S. Murdock was ordained a bishop by Brigham Young and sent here to organize a ward. He chose as his counselors John W. Witt and Thomas Rasband, with Henry Hamilton as clerk.

On February 22, 1862, Thomas was made justice of the peace in Precinct 1, comprising all the territory east of Provo River.

The first Relief Society was organized in 1869 and Elizabeth Rasband was one of the first members. When the ward was divided, in 1877, making the East and West Wards, she and Margaret Todd were made counselors to Margaret Muir and Thomas Rasband was ordained bishop of East Ward.

His first counselor was John Muir and Harmon Cummings was second counselor. He held this office until his death, on July 24, 1884.

He and his wife passed through all the trials of the early pioneers of Utah and the settling of this valley. Four sons and a daughter were born to them after their arrival in Heber. They were: George Wesley, James, Mary Elizabeth, Joseph A. and Charles.

Thomas, with others from the valley, answered a call to help defend the people from Johnston's army. They left home on October 9, 1857. He also fought in the Blackhawk and Indian wars.

Two sons have filled the position of bishop, namely, Joseph A., of Heber Second Ward, and Fredrick, of Park City Ward. Thomas was struck by his team of horses and pushed against the granary in June. He seemed to improve for a time, then infection set in and he died July 4, 1884. He was so well respected that the celebration and dance were canceled.

Elizabeth then lived with her children after her husband's death, and while visiting her son in Park City, Utah, she contracted pneumonia and died on October 15, 1900. Her services were held in Heber, conjointly with those of Mrs. Catherine McKnight.

WILLIAM GILES RASBAND AND MARIA CARLILE RASBAND



William Giles Rasband was born December 24, 1852, at Quincy, Illinois, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Giles Rasband. He married Maria Ann Carlile (born June 3, 1858, at Palmyra, Utah County; died on August 11, 1941, at Heber, Utah, daughter of George and Laura Ann Giles Carlile) on



York, and at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Chicago, Illinois, graduating April 20, 1901. He received a certificate from the Utah State Dental Board on January 23, 1904.

Dr. Read met and married Esther Curry of Watertown, New Jersey, on April 9, 1902. To them were born three children: Dorothy Irene, Thelma Bernice and Grace Lucile.

They moved to Park City, Utah, in 1903, where Dr. Read practiced dentistry until 1907. He also practiced in Kamas, Utah, a short time, coming to Heber City in 1907, where he was a prominent dentist until his death on May 16, 1944.

His first wife died November 28, 1916, and he married LeNora McMillan on January 29, 1920, at Heber City. Five children were born to them: Cathrine Vilate, Joan, Patricia Ruth, Mary Jane and Annette.

Dr. Read was a scoutmaster many years and a community civic worker. He was a member of the Episcopalian church.

JAMES AND ELIZABETH CUMMING REID

James Reid was born on January 12, 1816, in Inch Wigton, Scotland, to John and Mary Murray Reid. His father was a seaman and died at sea when James was a very small boy. His mother later married John Muir.

Elizabeth was born July 8, 1924, at Monkton Ayr, Scotland, to Louis and Elizabeth Wilson Cumming.

They were married about 1841 and lived in Glasgow, Scotland. James was a leather worker and made and repaired shoes most of his life. Elizabeth was a skilled, needle worker and did eyelet embroidery by contract for the royalty of Scotland. They were

blessed with a family of nine children, five born in Scotland.

They joined the LDS Church in Scotland and immediately made plans to come to the valleys of the mountains. They left their native land March 17, 1856, crossing the ocean in a small and poorly equipped sailing vessel, and were eight weeks reaching New York. Finally they reached Florence, Nebraska, and made plans to travel with the James Willie handcart company across the plains to Zion. They, along with all others, endured great hardships and suffering. A near-tragedy came to them one night when their daughter Lizzie fell through the ice while attempting to get a bucket of water from the stream nearby. They worked with her all night, taking turns warming blankets over the campfire to keep her alive and as comfortable as possible. When morning came and they were packed and ready to start on the day's journey they found that the father's fingers and mother's feet were frozen. On they trudged each day, paying no attention to their own ailments. The mother's toes rotted off before they reached their destination. Due to these injuries they were not able to work at their trades for many months.

They were taken care of by his mother and stepfather, James and Mary Murray Muir, who had arrived in 1953 with the Appleton Harmon company.

They settled in Heber Valley in the fall of 1862 and lived in the fort for some time. Later they built a home on a lot now located about Second West and Center. I think the property now belongs to the McNaughton family. They also tried to prove up on a claim in Daniels Creek, but because of Indian troubles were advised to give it up.

James Reid was a member of the Wasatch militia.

A few years later they were called to help settle Cache Valley, and spent their remaining years in Smithfield. James continued his work there, in charge of the shoe repairs in the U & I Shoe Shop for many years. He passed away January 12, 1886. He was buried in Smithfield City Cemetery, Utah.

She passed away August 1, 1910 at the home of a daughter in Lorenzo, Idaho. She

was laid to rest beside her husband in Smithfield.

Their children: Elizabeth Reid Smith, William G. Reid, Mary R. Lindsay Murdoch, James, John, Margaret Ann Nelson, Louis, Isabell Muir and Robert.

JOHN ROBERTS

John Roberts was born December 17, 1844, in Wrexham, Denbighshire, England, son of John Roberts and Martha Griffiths. He took an apprenticeship in boot and shoe making, becoming an expert in this art. His first marriage was to Margaret Elizabeth Postle. Two children were born to this couple. In 1875 he was married to Sarah Roberts, a widow with one child. The couple lived in Kefnawr, Wales. Six children were born to them: Pricilla (Cooney) Sarah Ann (Giles), Helena (Murray), John Thomas, Ben and Orson Roberts.

Formerly devout Baptists, the Roberts were converted and joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and later emigrated to the United States, bringing the family, including a daughter of Mrs. Roberts, Elizabeth (Tomlinson), by a former marriage. They settled in Heber, Utah, where Mr. Roberts established his own shoemaking and repair business in a shop on Second North one-half block west of Main Street. The shop still stands and was being used by his son Orson in 1959 as a shoe shop. At least one pair of boots which John Roberts made is still in existence and usable. The Roberts family were possessed of splendid Welsh voices and contributed much in choral groups and related circles in the communities of Wasatch County. Mr. Roberts passed away during the influenza epidemic of 1919.

Orson Roberts followed his father in taking over the business and is continuing to this date.

SUSAN LUVERNIA ROBEY ROSS

Susan Luvernia Robey Ross came to Utah in 1852 with her parents in the David Woods company, settling first in Provo.

She came to Provo Valley (Heber Val-

ley) the same year her parents came, in 1859, but lived in Heber.

When her third child was born she was critically ill and died because of inexperienced medical assistance. The winter had been an exceptionally severe one, and at the time of her death, in April, the snow was so deep it took her father and brother nearly a whole day to reach Heber, a distance of about four miles. Her mother had been with her during her illness and had done everything in her power to save her life. She was an exceptionally sweet woman and was loved by all who knew her. She was always kind and cheerful, fond of singing, and her home was a gathering place of many young people.

After her death her mother took the three children and reared them to womanhood, caring for them as though they were her own. She died as many of the early pioneer saints, for the cause of humanity, and the building of a commonwealth from which future generations might dwell in peace and comfort. She is buried at Heber City, Utah.

JAMES JACKSON ROSS



James Jackson Ross was born November 28, 1837, son of Melvin Ross and Rebecca Smith.

James married Susan Luvernia Robey, who was born April 15, 1838, in Harrison County, West Virginia; dying April 23, 1862. She was the daughter of Jeremiah Robey and Ruth Tucker.

Children: Sarah Jane (Henry Miles Alexander), Susan Matilda (William O'Neal), and Virginia (Hyrum Gould).